The existing enactment on the subject of the Anchal was passed in 1064. During the last 20 years, the business of the Department has considerably out-grown the compass of that Regulation. Consequently the piecemeal enactment of a somewhat large body of rules had to be resorted to for the carrying on of that business. Such is the case with the posting, registration, and delivery of letters and other articles, and the disposal of unclaimed or refused ones. Even these rules seem to be inadequate in some matters. The other day the question was referred to me by a Sub-Registrar as to how payment was to be made on a service-bearing cover addressed by him in his official capacity to a private individual and declined by the addressee, payment of the charge being demanded by the Anchal Superintendent from the Sub-Registrar. Neither the Regulation nor the rules afford any solution of the question.

Again, Section 5 of the Regulation only sets forth in a *very general way* the main heads of the Anchal business, on which Government are enabled to frame auxiliary rules. There is no *clear expression of the details* regarding which such rules may be framed; and there is no reference whatever in that Section to such important business as the Hundi, the money order and the value payable post, which have since come into existence, so that technically it may be doubted whether the rules regarding these transactions are working with full legislative sanction.

Further, the Superintendent of Anchal tells me that there g demand on the part of the public for the insured post, for which sion in the Regulation. I think therefore that it is time for this Co the Anchal Regulation and amend it, so as to make the Anchal busi date lines, securing greater administrative facility to the Departmen con- venience to the public.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGU N AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg permission to apply for leave to introduc e an amending Bill of the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, III of 1 076. The object of the amending Bill will be to make provision for the due control ver the manufacture and sale of aerated waters and food stuffs in the towns.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE RUBBER STEALING PREVENTION BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—At a meeting of the Council held on the November 1910, Mr. Richardson prayed for permission to introduce a Bill fo prevention of rubber stealing in Travancore. The draft Bill was published in Gazette dated 7-2-1911. I now beg permission, on his behalf, to introduce the and I request that its principle be affirmed. I have no doubt that the industry has come to stay in our country and a very large outlay of capital h invested in rubber estates in Travancore. The present Bill aims to p rubber-thieves from having their own way. The Bill is drawn more or less to the Madras Coffee-Stealing Act (Madras Act No. VIII of 1878) whic force in the coffee-growing Districts. I therefore pray that the princi affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row then proposd that the Bill be referred to a Select Co mittee, consisting of Mr. Vieyra, the Mover and a non-official Member to be appoint ed later on, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

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